(vi) Installation of check-posts at vulnerable points to check transport documents.

(vii) Training of existing security personnel, refresher training of CISF personnel and basic training of new recruits in security discipline for strengthening the security set up.

(viii) The coal companies maintain close liaison with the State authorities.

Relocation of Jharia city, Jharkhand

† 1031. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any draft scheme from the State Government regarding relocation of Jharia city of Jharkhand to another place, which is facing the problem of underground fire in coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the view point of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. In the Master Plan for dealing with fire, subsidence and rehabilitation in the lease hold areas of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) updated in July, 2006, there is no proposal for relocation of main Jharia town due to mine fire. However, there are 595 sites located all over the BCCL leasehold area in Jharia Coalfield which have been identified to be affected due to fire and subsidence. As per the updated Master Plan, the implementation of the scheme is to be taken up in phased manner in ten years period excluding 2 years of pre-implementation activity.

Acquisition of foreign coal mines

† 1032. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up a special company for acquisition of foreign coal mines;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.